



Your November 2020 Community Newsletter

WALLA BUSINESSES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Walla Walla Post Office

Story by Michelle Schulz and written Françoise McPherson

Past: We purchased the Walla Walla Post Office on 1st July, 2011. I had training in the Albury post shop for four weeks, then further training in Sydney for two weeks for more specialized training. We had two weeks with Virginia Barnyard and Yvonne Sims here at Walla to help us with the day to day running. Starting from early days until the present, we have been acting as de facto mental health therapists, nurses, marriage counsellors, career advisors and living encyclopedias keeping track of every day happenings.

Present: There is a motorbike run that goes out five days a week to service the township which is 21 kms and can take anywhere between 1-3 hours. There are 253 houses in Walla.

We have RMB runs (rural mail box) where mail goes out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Alma Park run is 110 km and covers 59 houses. It starts at Walla and goes to Alma Park Rd and various other roads, ending up at Cummings Rd. When we



Parcels ready to go

first took over the Post Office, rural properties had RMB numbers as well as property names. Then they brought in a new numbering system so now a property can have three different addresses which makes our work a lot harder. We have to know everyone's maiden names, children's' names, grandparents' names and who belongs to which family or household.

Walla Walla also sorts Gerogery mail and parcels because Gerogery is a community Post Office and not a licenced Post Office like Walla. This means we sort mail, keep out the RMB mail for Gerogery and send the rest to Gerogery. Parcels are written up and sent to Gerogery daily. There are 2 mail runs leaving Walla on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first one drops mail and parcels at Gerogery, then delivers the mail to all RMB boxes which are mostly on Gerogery Rd. The run is 52 kms with 75 houses on this run. The remaining 260 km run with 154 houses is contracted out to Colin Gardiner.

When we first took over, we were getting a lot of mail and a few parcels. Now it's the other way around. With Covid-19, parcels have quadrupled. On average, we get 150-200 parcels daily which is worse than Christmas. I am not looking forward to Christmas 2020! We are going to be neck high here with parcels. Luckily we are essential work-

ers and still have a job during Covid-19 while many are out of work.

So, during a typical day in the life of a postal worker, the alarm goes off at 4 am. Hopefully I hear it. I go to work to take the newspapers inside that were left out and now it begins. I write names on newspapers for customers who reserved them and the RMB runs who want the Border Mail, Herald Sun, Weekly Times, The Land or The Australian. Ken arrives from Albury with mail and parcels at 5am.

All parcels get sorted into town, business and RMB addresses. Each parcel gets written up in a parcel book with name, address and parcel number. Then a parcel card is written up and sent out with the mail. Chris Schulz has this wonderful job.

Marlene Plunkett sorts all Gerogery mail and parcels and does the RMB run to Gerogery on Tuesday and Thursday to drop off mail and parcels. We would be lost without all Marlene does for us. Michelle sorts all the mail into three RMB runs and the township. Depending on the amount of mail and parcels, this can take up to 5-6 hours. Then all the mail is wrapped up and sent out via mail bike or car.

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Ken with the mail truck from Albury

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SURPRISE DROP-IN AT "MERINO PARK"

A spectacular sight on Sunday morning (Oct 12th) just south of Walla Walla with the early morning landing in the front lucerne paddock. From the main road it was beautiful but it must have been absolutely magnificent for the passengers in the basket.

Alan and Marj Rayner



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The business run consists of 12 locally owned businesses with daily deliveries.

Merv Wegener delivers the Alma Park run as he loves catching up with farmers and having a chat. We all give him heaps about Alma.

John Mullavey is the town bikie on the powerful Honda 110. John will come back from delivering, saying he has spent 10 mins chatting to a customer so his pay can be docked. I say: "Hell no, I don't like riding the bike!"

Bill Schulz helps out wherever he is needed handing out parcels or, wait for it....he now rides the postie bike to fill in for John while John is on holidays.

One of the benefits of doing the runs is that we can keep a look out for mail not being collected from a box. We can go



Johnno the postie

and knock on the resident's door to make sure they are OK.

Our biggest day for mail was Monday 7th of September. With the three of us working, just to sort and deliver the mail took 33 hours (11 hours each!). We still had to make time to serve customers in between and couldn't wait for that day to end.

At the Post Office, you can pay bills, deposit money, recharge phone credit, complete Western Union money orders, Australian money orders as well as hold and redirect mail. Operating hours are Monday to Friday 9 am-5 pm. Saturday hours are 9 am-11am where parcels can be collected and bills paid for those people who can't get to the Post Office during the week.

We have one of the best jobs! Marlene, Chris and I have a ball at work. We are always laughing at something, except hump day (Wednesday) when we are a little testy. We can't wait for Friday as

the weekends are our down time.

Our little community is friendly and we love chatting to our customers and have a little fun. We also have the 'problem solvers of the world' out the front of the shop trying to save the world.

To finish up, I don't think people realise the hours and time that go into running a Post Office. If you have a bad night's sleep, the blasted alarm is still going off as much as I would love it to hurl through the window! I have a great work crew who are wonderful and I'd be lost without them.



Merv Wegener off to Alma Park



Post Office ladies

Future: As the Walla population grows, there will be an anticipated increase in mail volume which could necessitate the hiring of additional staff.

PRAYING FOR WALLA

Join us as we pray for each other, our community, and the world. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Lutheran church hall from 8pm. Our next meetings are 22nd October and 26th of November.

For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).

WALLA CRAFT GROUP

We meet each Thursday at the Town Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.

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WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

Bindii is one month closer. Our battle against it is about to begin. We are united. Everyone hates it. We are in front. We know what to do. We will win. **Losing is not an option.**

Capeweed had taken over in many places in Walla this year. It is easy to see because of its pretty daisy shaped yellow flowers. As far as I know it has no uses except to make daisy chains. Another weed looks about the same, but its flowers are small and purple. **Storksbill** is its name, also called pinweed, and there is a lot in our town. It has very long thin spikes as part of its seed structure. Its leaves are green underneath, whereas cape weed's leaves are grey underneath. Both of these plants respond to spray, and can be cut off at ground level with a strong hoe.

Marshmellow is big and healthy. It has round leaves shaped like umbrellas. It is producing pink flowers and green seed pods now. **Patto** has beautiful blue coloured flowers just now. It is not wanted. Spray and chipping work well. Fortunately, there is not much in our town area, but lots on road sides, along the railway and in paddocks. **Paspalum** has started. It has long, strong, thin leaves, grows in clumps, and stays near the ground. Not much around yet, and quite small, so can easily be dug up and sent to an early grave. Also still around and at their prime are sticky weed, soursob, stinging nettles and thistles.

Herb Simpfendorfer

WALLA WALLA LIONS CLUB

The Walla Walla Lions Club, like everything else has been affected by the virus. Our major fundraising activity was cancelled, ANZAC Day BBQ and selling numbers tickets has been put on hold. The Lions mints are still selling and guess what, so is the Christmas cake. The order will be dispatched to Walla Walla early November, and Lions members will do the annual door-knock selling 25th November. We will not be increasing the price of cakes 1.5kg cake = \$16 and the 1kg = \$12. They will be available at WAW, Chemist, Post Office and Hair Salon.



The Lions Club will be catering at the Bowling Club on Friday 30th October. Give Janet a ring to make a booking on 0408634986 Thanks.

WALLA WALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has been abiding by the rules we have been directed to enforce at the Bowling & Recreation Club during this Covid pandemic. If we stay safe within our little circle, we are helping to keep our community and the bigger circle stay safe. Signing in and out is a rule directed by ClubNSW and the Health Dept. At the present time we are only open 5.30 - 8.30pm Monday - Thursday and Saturday. Friday 5.30 - 9.30pm with meals available. Bookings do help.

Please mark **Tuesday 24th November 7pm** on the calendar for the Club Annual General Meeting. Your attendance would be much appreciated.

Don't forget memberships can be paid at the Club or direct into WAW BSB 803070 acc: 100048582

Under New Ownership!

Opening Hours

Mon - Thurs 6am till 4pm

Friday 6am till 8pm

Saturday 8am till 12:30pm

The
Walla Food
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Come in and grab a coffee
and say hello to the new
owners!
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Pizza Night Friday Night!

We acknowledge the generous support for the community newsletter from Kotzur Pty Ltd (printing) and the Walla Walla Post Office (newsletter distribution).

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2021 HISTORICAL ANNIVERSARIES

- A reminder of 2021 anniversaries around Walla.
- 150 years: August 15th 1871 the Walla Walla Cemetery was dedicated.
 - 125 years: May 1896, The Walla Walla Literary and Debating Society began. Maybe we could organise a debate on a suitable topic.
 - 100 years: October 1921, the Catholic Church building opened on Market Street.
 - 100 years: October 1921, the Walla Golf Club started up on E. G. Wenke's property, Morgan's Road.
 - 75 years: October 1946. The decision was made to open a new secondary school at the start of the 1948 school year, this was to become St. Pauls College.

Do you know some of the detail around these historical events in Walla? We welcome submissions from the community around the anniversary of each of these significant events.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT WALLA WALLA 2020



Walla Walla will have its annual Remembrance Day function at the Bi-Centennial Park on Wednesday November 11th,

when similar functions will be held all over Australia. It is a time for remembering men and women, particularly those from our area, who heard the call to help preserve the traditions in our country, often at considerable sacrifice.

Everyone is welcome at this function, which will start at 10.30 a.m. and last about three quarters of an hour. No seating will be brought to the Park.

We had a very good attendance last year. Since attendances at RSL functions are growing in recent years, there could be a good attendance again this year. We will observe social distancing and hand sanitizing.

The program will consist of:

- Flag at half mast
- Welcome. Initial announcements
- Laying of wreaths
- Short talk about the significance of poppies, the date, the conflicts we remember on this day.

- Reading names and details of all Walla Walla people who went to war.
- Reciting the Ode.
- Bugle playing The Last Post
- One minute's silence at 11 a.m.
- Bugle playing Reveille
- Raising of the flag.

The flag will be lowered and removed at sunset, as the bugle plays The Last Post.

The person coordinating is RSL member Herb Simpfendorfer, with help from others.

This notice prepared by Herb Simpfendorfer



WALLA WALLA DRUMMUSTER COLLECTION

We had our last official DrumMUSTER collection on Saturday 10th October but if anyone wants to drop off drums then please ring and we can arrange a suitable time. Remember lids off and clean plastic drums. No oil drums.

We earn 28 cents per drum and all money goes to the sportsground.

*John Seidel
Ph 0429 039 322*



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE WALLA WALLA BRIGADE

JUNIOR MEMBER UPDATE

Thanks to the support of the NSW RFSA our Junior Members have recently completed a 2 day Mental Health, Leadership and Resilience Workshop presented by The CPR Chick (Priscilla Jaya).

The workshops were designed to help prepare our Junior Members for their future roles as volunteers. The information, skills and techniques that they learned from Priscilla will also be beneficial as they progress through their schooling.

Unfortunately the RFSA Cadet Championship has been cancelled for 2020. However our Junior Members are continuing to train each week. Improving their skills and ensuring that they will be ready for the Championships in 2021.

Thanks to Shai, Craig, Steve and Cameron for their ongoing support.

ANNUAL DONATION REQUEST

We have recently sent out a letter requesting financial donations from our community.

When you donate to our brigade your money is used to provide equipment that is not supplied by the RFS.

The equipment may be used for training or to support our members at incidents. We also use these donations to make improvements at our station. Any amount you can donate will be put to good use.

Donations can be made online or at WAW in Walla. We thank our fantastic local WAW Branch Staff for their support.

Account Name: Walla Walla Volunteer Fire Brigade

BSB: 803 070

Account Number: 805562

GREATER HUME SHIRE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD COMMENCES 1 NOVEMBER 2020

A Fire Permit is required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period in Rural Fire districts. Fire Permits help to ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the broader community.

The key things to remember

- You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period.
- Just because it's the Bush Fire Danger Period doesn't mean you can't use fire - but there are restrictions to ensure fire is used safely.
- Getting a permit is free and easy.
- There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

For more information please visit:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP

CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

The Lutheran church currently has three worship options:

(1) Join us in our building at Walla (17 Commercial St): 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 9 am, 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 am.

(2) Watch our live-stream video each Sunday from 10.30am on YouTube (search "Walla Lutheran Parish").

(3) Receive a worship at home resource in your mailbox each week (contact our pastor or parish office).

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413032455

<https://walla.lutheran.org.au>

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Worship services at 10am on Sundays.

Visitors welcome, subject to Covid restrictions.

Contact: Pastor Susan Barnes 0417 549921.

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

Jindera Community Hub, 83 Urana St.

URGENT NEEDS:

- ⇒ Lifeline 13 11 14
- ⇒ Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- ⇒ Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

WNW TENNIS CLUB

Tennis season is here and we are holding a Tennis hit up every Thursday, beginning at 4.30-5pm 'till whenever you want to finish!

So dust off your racquet and come along! Contact John 0429 039 322



TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

We are having some great tennis. We are starting at 9.00 am now to make the most of the fresh mornings. All welcome. Come along and join us before the weather gets too hot.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

Information wanted on Walla Saleyards, 1890 to 1950's. Any information, photos, stories/memories, sale dockets, etc. Contact Tony Brinkmann 0459 92296 or brinkade@bigpond.net.au

Also information on the Gotsalks family, 1949 to 1953. Edgar & Emilie (Emily) Gotsalks and their family were Latvian migrants, Walla being their first Australian home. Edgar worked as a builder at St Pauls College in 1949, a painter and decorator/glazier around Walla, and he was also a gifted artist. Children went to school at WPS. Kurt (Harry), Janis (John) and Bruno (Ted). Any Walla memories of this family, especially Edgar's business/artist work gratefully received. Their family home was where the Kotzur office is now.

Contact Tony Brinkmann.

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Christmas Light Competition

Please join in the Christmas spirit and help make Walla glow again!

There are **THREE** categories to enter with prize money up for grabs:

Winning House: \$100

Runner up House: \$50

Winning Business: \$100

Runner up Business: \$50

Winning Street: \$150

Online entry forms can be issued via email.

Written entry forms can be collected from the front desk at Kotzur Silos.

For more information or to request an online entry form contact Jess Kotzur at jmktzur@hotmail.com or Raquel Ortega at raquelortegazarco@gmail.com.

MAKE WALLA GLOW AGAIN

November Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	3 Melbourne Cup - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	4	5 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Ladies Social Bowls, 10am - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts	6	7 Council pools open - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	8 - Walla Walla Community Markets, 12-2pm,
9 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	10 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	11 Remembrance Day Service 10.30am	12 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts	13	14 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	15
16 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	17 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	18 - Greater Hume Council meeting 6pm Holbrook	19 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Ladies Social Bowls, 10am - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts	20	21 Garage Trail in Greater Hume - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	22
23 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	24 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts - Bowling Club AGM, 7pm	25 Lions Club selling Christmas cakes door knock	26 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts - Praying for Walla, 8pm, Lutheran church	27	28 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	29
30 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club						

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Mon – Thurs and Sat 5.30-8.30pm
Fri 5.30 – 9.30pm

WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.
Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm) Friday pm: 1.30-5.00pm

Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-11am

Second Hand Rose 6029 2116

Thurs & Fri 1.30 - 4.30pm.
Sat 9.30 - 11.30am

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Walla Hotel 6029 2309

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Sun - Opens 12 noon
Kitchen: Thursday–Saturday 6- 8pm;
Sunday 12-2pm
Meals other times for min. of 10 if booked.

Take away lunches: Wed, Thurs & Fri: 12-2pm

Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
9am – 5.30pm

Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

Mon-Thurs: 6am - 4pm;
Fridays: 6am - 8pm;
Sat: 8am—12.30pm

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Non-daylight savings: 8am - 5pm
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Facebook: Terry White Chemmart Walla

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Wed: 11 am-5.30 pm; Fri: 11 am-5.30 pm

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Walla Police Phone Number:

02 6029 2104.

Emergency: 000

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WANT TO SUBMIT A

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or request to be added to the email recipient list to:

wallenewsletter@gmail.com

or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

- Articles should be received before 12 pm on the 15th of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.
- All articles should be kept concise to save space.

Walla Website:
www.wallawalla.nsw.au

Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed.

Isaiah 40 v 31

WALLA WALLA HISTORY

Remembrance Day, 11th November; we remember the local WW1 diggers who died while serving for our country. - "The Walla Walla 11."

Not all those who had Walla connections and served in World War One are listed on the town's Honour Rolls. Those listed there gave their address on enlistment as Walla, but there were others who fought who were also associated with the town. This overview contains these inclusions.

1915: August. Private Albert Lawrence Reynolds, 22, attended the public school and was an unmarried labourer in the Walla district, also taking part in local cycling events. He was wounded on May 14th, 1915, at Gallipoli. He was later recorded as missing on 7th August. A court of inquiry determined he was killed in action between August 7th and 12th.

1915: September. Private Leslie Valentine Mogg, 28, was a labourer at Walla and a member of the Walla Football team. He was wounded at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, on August 28th, 1915, only days after arriving on the battlefield. He died aboard a British Hospital ship on September 4th and was buried at sea. He is commemorated at the Lone Pine and Australian War Memorials.

1915: December. Lance Corporal Geritt Zevenboom, 27, was a grocer's assistant at Walla and a member of the Walla Football team. He suffered severe wounds at Gallipoli on 27th August, 1915, and died at St Kilda Base Hospital on 26th December, 1915.

1917: May. Private Luke Matthew Marzol, 23, was from Tumut but was based at Walla Walla as a railway fettler at the time of his enlistment. He died on 3rd May as result of wounds received at Bullecourt, France. He was reported missing in action on 19th April, with confirmation of his death much later, in December 1917.

1917: June. Private Thomas McRae, 36, had worked for Mr. Thornton of "Brae Springs", as gardener for over 8 years. A member of the Albury Rifle Club, he was farewelled by the Walla Walla Red Cross in January 1916. Trained as a sniper, he arrived in France in April 1917, and was later posted to Belgium where suffered gunshot wounds on 4th June, and died the same day.

1917: October. Private Charles Loftus, worked at E. D. Heppner's Blacksmith/Engineering works for 5 years, and had completed his apprenticeship. Enlisted April 1916, he had fought and been wounded when he rejoined his battalion in France on August

5th, 1917. He was killed in action on October 8th, but was initially listed as missing. His parents at Walbundrie received confirmation of his death in January 1918. He has no known grave; his name is on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium.

1918: February. Private Berthold (Bert) Theodore Immanuel Wiesner, 31, was a son of C. J. (Joe) Wiesner of Walla. He had attended Walla Public School and lived most of his life at Walla or Walla Subdivision. He had moved to Ganmain, and was married with one child. He served on the Western front from early 1917. On October 9th, 1917 he suffered mild gunshot wounds. While being repatriated to Melbourne on a troop ship, he disappeared on the night of February 26th or 27th, 1918. A court of enquiry held at sea on 28th February, concluded he "disappeared voluntarily from H.M.A.T."U" during a state of despondence which was induced by some cause or causes unproven...". In World War One, PTSD was unrecognised and men and women were sent home to deal with it alone. Berthold's name appears on the Ganmain Honour Roll as that was his place of residence on enlistment.

1918: March. Munitions Worker, Henry Lund Eaton, 42, was an active member of the Walla Walla community, having unsuccessfully applied for a small block near Chinatown Lane on the edge of Walla in the 1910 subdivision. A coach builder and carpenter by trade, he came to Walla in 1909, and was involved in the building of at least 8 homesteads, a church, workshop, the powerhouse and chaff mill. In January 1918, he sailed for England the people of Walla having "presented him with a shaving kit and a set of pipes" as a farewell gift. On March 25th, the day after he started his new role as a carpenter at Old Sarum Aerodrome, Salisbury, UK, he was involved in an accident causing severe internal injuries. He died the following day. In Walla, he had been part of the committee organising Walla's war honour roll. Having made the ultimate sacrifice, his name is on that roll. He left a wife and two children.

1918: April. Private Arthur Frederick Schmidt, 22, was raised by his grandmother, Hulda Augusta Hoffmann, and attended Walla Walla Public School. A resident of the Walla district, he was also a member of the Walla Walla Football Team. Arthur joined the Gallipoli campaign on 16th August 1915, was wounded in action soon after, and was transferred to the British Hospital ship "Grampion". He rejoined the forces in France on 29th May 1916. Pte. Schmidt died on 7th April, 1918, of wounds received at Villiers-Bretonneux, France, purportedly while posting a letter.

1918: April. Private Leslie Matthew Kirwan, 22, on enlistment gave his occupation as labourer and address as

Walla Walla. His family was from Henty then Culcairn, his father later owning a commission agency business in Walla in 1923 – 24 at 62 Commercial St. (Elders building in 2020). Pte. Kirwan died in action at Villiers-Bretonneux, April 17th, 1918.

1918: April. Private Albert Bridges, 23, was employed as a farmhand by Mr. W. Odewahn of Hill and Dale (his documents say Allendale) Walla Walla. He embarked with his unit from Sydney on 20th December 1915, serving on the Western Front in Belgium and France. Pte. Bridges died in action on 26th April 1918. He has no known grave.

Lest we Forget.

This overview contains information freely available for anyone to research. A longer, more detailed version is available. The longer version contains graphic war events & items of specific interest. If anyone wants a copy of the full article, please contact me for a 4-page digital or hardcopy on 6029 2296 or by email brinkade@bigpond.net.au

Sources: Imperial Force Nominal Role; National Archives War Records, Honouring ANZACS; Australian War Memorial Role of Honour; UNSW AIF Project; Hoffmann family history; Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files; Albury Banner & Border Morning Mail via Trove, NLA.

Anthony Brinkmann, Walla Walla & District Historical Society Inc. 2020.



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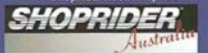
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RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

As recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office: Sept 13 (4.4 mm), 14 (1.2 mm), 18 (3.8mm), 20 (11.8 mm), 21 (4.0 mm), 22 (4.6 mm), 23 (0.2 mm), 25 (7.2 mm), 26 (8.4 mm)

Total for September: 45.6 mm

For 2020 to end of September: 624.2 mm

WALLA WALLA BOOK SWAP

In the Hall behind WAW
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Nomination forms for all award categories are located on Council's website (www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au) or can be picked up at one of Councils Customer Service Centres at Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla.

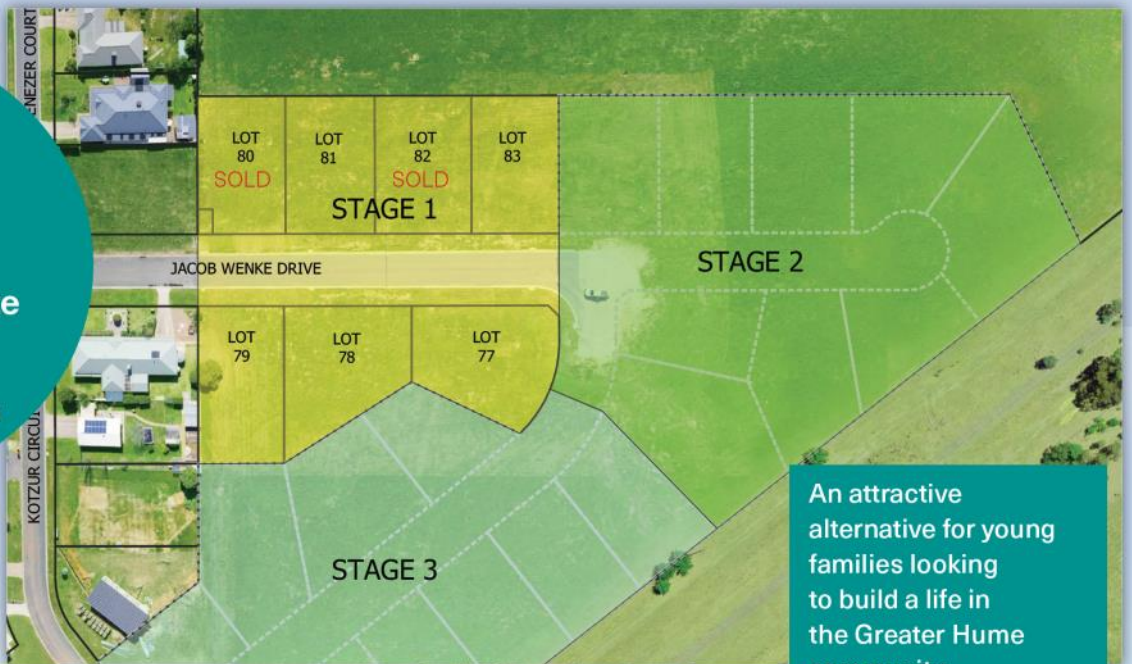
Greater Hume's Australia Day celebrations will be held at Walbundrie Recreation Ground, Walbundrie on Tuesday, 26 January 2020.



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WIRES ANIMAL RESCUE

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Written by Françoise McPherson (WIRES member) and Hazel Cook (WIRES MR branch secretary)

WIRES is an acronym which means Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service. Each State has its own wildlife rescue service. In NSW, it is WIRES that rescues and rehabilitates sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife. There are many branches within NSW and Walla Walla falls under the Murray River Branch jurisdiction. The Murray River branch has the Murray River as its southern boundary. It reaches as far north as Henty, as far west as Wakool and as far east as Little Billabong/Holbrook covering 10 postcodes.

WIRES was founded in 1985 with the call centre HQ in Sydney. It has approximately 2500 workers who rescue and care for native animals on a volunteer basis. WIRES is the largest wildlife care organization in Australia. More volunteers are always needed. There are many ways in which you can become involved in caring for wildlife. It is illegal to keep wildlife without a license!

Training to become a qualified WIRES rescuer/rehabilitator.

There is now a training session online and thus you can progress as you feel comfortable. This is then followed by a practical course for one day and that is a date that is set by the branch. Everyone must attend the first one which is Rescue and Immediate Care. This course covers the safe ways to handle a variety of wildlife and provide immediate care after capture or collection. After that, you will need to attend species-specific training courses. You can choose to do all of them or pick one or several. Someone with a lot of free time may want to care for baby birds or orphaned joeys which need feeding quite regularly. Someone with much less time may opt for low maintenance lizards or adult possums. Bat carers have converted their garag-

es into makeshift bat caves with bat patients hanging from the rafters.

Things to consider are how much time and energy you have to dedicate to animal care and whether you wish to care for baby animals or older animals, herbivores or carnivores, and your facilities. Not every rescue has a happy ending. Many animals that come into care are too sick, too young or their injuries are too severe to make a recovery so many of them die. That makes every successful release even more special.

Dealing with the public.

Some WIRES members attend schools and community groups to educate children and other people about wildlife and what to do if they find an animal in need. Rescues are coordinated by telephone so anyone who volunteers to go on the phone roster for 24 hours dealing with the public and assigning rescuers to specific cases is always appreciated. WIRES get a lot of calls on hot days due to animals experiencing heat stress and bushfire victims while on windy days, young chicks frequently get blown out of the nest.

Donations. Donations of cash are gratefully received to help pay for animal food or rescue equipment and anything else that's needed.

If you come across a

wild animal needing help, you can call WIRES on 1300 094 737. Please do NOT take a wild animal home with you far away from its habitat. The animal will be too far away from its own territory, family group and native food source if it is ready for release. Carers in Murray River Branch are not equipped to deal with a sick sea turtle you found washed up in Grafton.

Contact local rescuers where the animal is found. Another good alternative is to take the animal to the nearest vet hospital which is what WIRES volunteers have to do. Veterinarians treat wildlife free of charge and will stabilize the animal and then contact WIRES



One of three boobook owls in care after being chased and pecked by other birds during the day when owls can't see very well.

themselves or euthanase it if there is no hope of release. Police, rangers and authorized WIRES shooters can also euthanase badly injured kangaroos by firearm. Remember that wild animals may try to defend themselves and may bite, scratch, urinate on you or kick (kangaroos).

NEVER touch a sick, orphaned or injured bat yourself but leave it for a fully vaccinated WIRES volunteer with appropriate PPE. Bats carry a number of viruses (such as Lyssa, Hendra among others) that can be fatal to humans and livestock.

On hot days, a heat stressed animal can be cooled down by providing a shallow container with water to be lapped up, placing a wet towel over the animal, gently wetting it with a hose or spray bottle and providing shade. That will often be enough to make it perk up and be on its way without needing to be taken into care. Thus it is best to always have water in dishes for all the native wildlife but be wary where you place it if you have a dog or cat as a pet.



Male squirrel glider in care



Squirrel glider having its flight membrane stitched under anaesthetic after getting caught on barbed wire.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Just about every person in the Walla Walla area can relate to a relative going overseas to join Australian forces in war-time, or involved in another way.. There are some people now living in our town who have worn an Armed Service uniform. For me, for example, the four Australian born Simpfordorfers who went to war are relatives. One died in Singapore. I wore an Army uniform when involved in National Service. Many locals would have similar involvement.

In 1922, soon after WW1 ended, a special room was built next to the Walla Walla Town Hall, to remember and honour those from our area who wore uniforms in war time. It is the Memorial Room. In it are placed our Honour Boards, which list the names of locals who wore Armed Services uniforms, most of whom went overseas. There are 154 names on these boards. Eleven died in action. For many years, after WW2, Walla Walla had an active RSL sub-Branch, with members from this list of local veterans at the time: Ivor Barber, Ralph Graetz, Pat Heffernan, Eric Schroeter, Dudley Wilksch, Eric Seidel, Robert Forge, Stan Wenke, Ken Hoffmann, Michael Maloney, Ernie Hoffmann, Bill Mott, Les Schroeter, Reg Schroeter, Ted Klemke, Les Klemke, Pat Blake, Herb Muller, Norm Smith, Dennis Maloney, Jack Morris, Cob Anderson, Clem Hobson, Fred Cunningham, Doug Schulz, George Lord, Norm Smith and George Brown. We Will Remember Them.

The RSL meetings were in the Memorial Room, then later in the Bowling Club until about 1990, when the Walla Walla sub-Branch was wound up, because of the low number of members. Walla Walla RSL members are now in the Culcairn sub-Branch, and go there for meetings. However, the Walla Walla Memorial Room is still there, and always will be. Taking care of it is the Council and the Walla Walla Hall Committee.

The four Honour Boards in the Memorial Room can be seen by locals on Anzac Day, and whenever the Hall is open for functions, which includes Market Days. Near the front door of this Room on the footpath is the position of the first Walla Walla cenotaph. The currently used Walla Walla cenotaph is at the Bi-Centennial Park since 1988, but the main parts of the original cenotaph can still be seen at the Memorial Room.

There are also two plaques listing 133 war veterans at the cenotaph at our Bi-Centennial Park.

All of those who are on the WW1 and WW2 Honour Boards, have now passed on. Since these men and women have had a distinguished role in the defence of our country, both overseas and in Australia, it would be appropriate for our town to continue to have an RSL presence and days of remembrance.



At the Hall, WW1 names (left) and WW2 (right)

Recently, a Lest We Forget wall plaque was returned to the Hall Committee, to add to the four boards already there, as was the case when meetings were at the Hall. After each of the later meetings at the Bowling Club, Ivor took this plaque home. He died in 2012. Ivor's daughter Julie Barber decided that the plaque should be returned and be on permanent display in the Memorial Room. The Hall Committee is organising its restoration, and its hanging before Anzac Day next year.

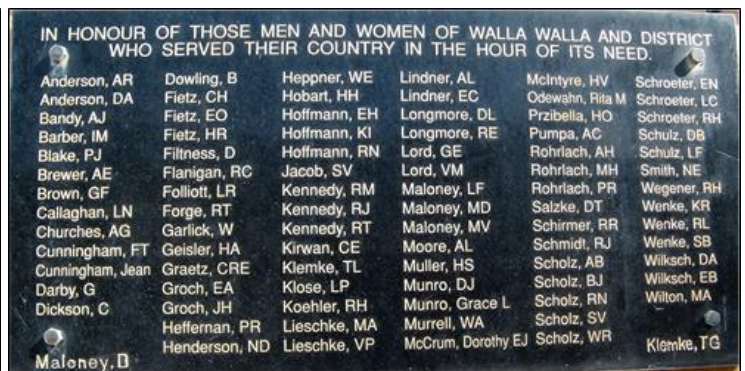


The newly restored RSL wall hanging.

Since there is widespread increasing interest in Australia's war time involvement, there could be a number of people in our area who may like to join the RSL, either as Service Members, or Affiliate Members. Service Members have worn an Armed Forces uniform at war time or in peace, and have a Service Number. Affiliate Members are those who have a near family member who was a Service Member. An RSL badge is worn by members. Members have no obligation to do anything, but can play a part in our main RSL days: Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. There is also an opportunity to go to monthly meetings at Culcairn, where RSL members meet to plan our special days and keep in touch with each other. They also receive a magazine containing very interesting articles related to war time activities, and news of RSL activities.

Joining as Service Member or Affiliate Member is simple, requiring some documentary evidence of armed service, which can be at war time or in peace, overseas or in Australia. Contact me for guidance and information.

*Herb Simpfordorfer
RSL Member*



At the Park, WW1 names (left) and WW2 names (right). All photos by H.S.